

SENATE BILL 3212
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AN ACT to enact the "Tennessee Charitable Gaming Implementation Law" and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 48, relative to annual events operated for the benefit of 501(c)(3) organizations located in Tennessee pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee provides:

The legislature shall have no power to authorize lotteries for any purpose, and shall pass laws to prohibit the sale of lottery tickets in this state, except that the legislature may authorize a state lottery if the net proceeds of the lottery's revenues are allocated to provide financial assistance to citizens of this state to enable such citizens to attend post-secondary educational institutions located within this state. The excess after such allocations from such net proceeds from the lottery would be appropriated to:

- (1) Capital outlay projects for K-12 educational facilities; and
- (2) Early learning programs and after school programs.

Such appropriation of funds to support improvements and enhancements for educational programs and purposes and such net proceeds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-lottery educational resources for educational programs and purposes.

All other forms of lottery not authorized herein are expressly prohibited unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house of the general assembly for an annual event operated for the benefit of a 501(c)(3) organization located in this state, as defined by the 2000 United States Tax Code or as may be amended from time to time.

A state lottery means a lottery of the type such as in operation in Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia in 2000, and the amendment to Article XI, Section 5 of the

Constitution of the State of Tennessee provided for herein does not authorize games of chance associated with casinos, including, but not limited to, slot machines, roulette wheels, and the like.

The state lottery authorized in this section shall be implemented and administered uniformly throughout the state in such manner as the legislature, by general law, deems appropriate.

; and

WHEREAS, in November 2002, the citizens of Tennessee approved, by referendum, this section of the constitution providing authorization to the general assembly to enact a state lottery and to permit annual lottery events held for the benefit of §501(c)(3) charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2003, the general assembly enacted the Tennessee Education Lottery Implementation Law, Chapter 297 of the Public Acts of 2003, in response to the mandate of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, this general assembly acknowledges that the mandate of the people of this great state extends beyond the state lottery to the authorization of annual events for the benefit of §501(c)(3) organizations by two-thirds vote of each house of this venerated body; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Charitable Gaming Implementation Law".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new chapter:

Section 3-17-101. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "§501(c)(3) organization" means an entity which is exempt from federal income taxation under §501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in §501(c)(3);

(2) "Annual event" means an event:

(A) Authorized by two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house of the general assembly;

(B) Operated for the benefit of a §501(c)(3) organization located in Tennessee;

(C) Conducted with a type of lottery game;

(D) Conducted on an event date; and

(E) Conducted at one (1) location;

(3) "Annual event application" means the application made to the secretary to operate an annual event;

(4) "Event date" means the day of an annual event. For the purposes of this item, "day" means a twenty-four-hour period beginning at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and ending at eleven fifty-nine post meridiem (11:59 p.m.);

(5) "Financial accounting" means a report of funds collected and expended for the annual event which is filed after completion of an annual event;

(6) "Person" means any individual, organization, trust, foundation, group, association, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, society, or any combination of them, or any other entity;

(7) "Secretary" means the secretary of state or the secretary of state's authorized representative; and

(8) "Type of lottery game" means a game of chance played by adults, including, but not limited to, raffles, but expressly prohibiting bingo and casino gambling, including, but not limited to, events commonly referred to as "casino nights".

Section 3-17-102.

(a)

(1) A §501(c)(3) organization seeking to operate an annual event for the benefit of such organization located in this state shall submit an annual event application to the secretary prior to March 13, 2004, and prior to January 1 in any subsequent year. Annual event applications

shall not be considered submitted to the secretary until in the physical possession of the secretary as evidenced by the secretary's date and time endorsement on such documentation.

(2) A §501(c)(3) organization shall have been in continuous existence as a §501(c)(3) organization located in Tennessee for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the filing of an annual event application.

(3)

(A) A §501(c)(3) organization, including chapters or affiliates operating under the same tax exemption, shall not operate more than one (1) annual event within any twelve-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

(B) An annual event shall be operated at a single location within a county in Tennessee where the §501(c)(3) organization has a physical presence, as disclosed pursuant to §3-17-103(a)(2)(A). Such location shall be listed as the location of the annual event in the annual event application pursuant to §3-17-103(a)(16). Nothing in this subsection (a)(3)(B) shall be construed to limit the ability of an organization to sell tickets, shares, chances or similar records for an authorized annual event in any political subdivision of this state.

(4) A §501(c)(3) organization may operate an annual event in conjunction with one (1) or more §501(c)(3) organizations under the following circumstances:

(A) Each §501(c)(3) organization files an independent annual event application, including, but not limited to, the appropriate application fee, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;

(B) Each §501(c)(3) organization submits, with the annual event application, a joint statement of authorization indicating the intention to conduct a joint annual event and listing all organizations participating in such joint event; and

(C) Each §501(c)(3) applicant is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and is eligible for inclusion on the omnibus list.

If one (1) or more §501(c)(3) organizations are not eligible for inclusion on the omnibus list, or fails to timely file an annual event application, all applicants for a joint annual event shall be excluded from the omnibus list.

No provision of this subdivision shall be construed as authorizing a §501(c)(3) organization participating in a joint event to operate, participate or conduct, jointly or otherwise, more than one (1) annual event within any twelve-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

(b) The secretary shall review all annual event applications timely submitted and shall by April 12, 2004, and by March 1 in any subsequent year, transmit an omnibus list of qualifying applicants to the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives in an electronic format as is required by the respective clerks. Such omnibus list shall include, at a minimum, the name of the §501(c)(3) organization, the name of the event, the type of lottery game, the event date for the event and the location of the event. Such omnibus list shall list §501(c)(3) organizations alphabetically by county in which the annual event is proposed to be operated.

(c) Upon authorization by the general assembly, the clerk of the house last approving such authorization shall transmit a copy of such authorization to the secretary and to each district attorney general. The secretary shall transmit such authorization to each authorized §501(c)(3) organization at the mailing address listed in such organization's annual event application; provided that in the case of an organization with multiple chapters, branches or affiliates in

Tennessee, such authorization shall be transmitted only to the primary mailing address of the applicant. Such authorization shall be posted on the web site of the secretary with such additional information as the secretary deems appropriate. At a minimum, the secretary shall post the name of the §501(c)(3) organization, the name of the event, the type of lottery game, the event date for the event and the location of the event.

(d)

(1) An authorized annual event shall be held within ten (10) calendar days of the event date listed in the annual event application; provided that nothing herein shall be construed as allowing two (2) annual events in any one-year period, as defined in § 3-17-101(4).

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), any person authorized to operate an annual event for the benefit of a §501(c)(3) organization may conduct necessary activities for such event, including, but not limited to, the printing and selling of tickets, shares, chances or similar records and the transportation of such records and other devices, for one hundred twenty (120) days immediately preceding the event date listed in the application and for any period after the event date listed in the annual event application but prior to the actual date of the annual event if such actual date is after the event date in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1).

(3) Upon receipt of authorization from the secretary pursuant to subsection (c), a §501(c)(3) organization may plan, advertise and promote such authorized annual event.

(e)

(1) Within ninety (90) days following the event date listed in the annual event application, a financial accounting as required pursuant to the provisions of §3-17-105 shall be submitted by the organization to the secretary.

(2) A financial accounting shall not be considered submitted to the secretary until in the physical possession of the secretary as evidenced by the secretary's date and time endorsement on such documentation.

(3) The secretary shall post such accounting, or a synopsis of such accounting, on the web page of the secretary.

Section 3-17-103.

(a) All annual event applications shall be submitted to the secretary prior to March 13, 2004, and prior to January 1 in any subsequent year, and shall include:

(1) The name of the §501(c)(3) organization and the purpose for which it was organized;

(2)

(A) The physical address, in Tennessee, of the §501(c)(3) organization; provided that if the organization has multiple chapters or affiliates in Tennessee operating under the same tax exemption, the physical addresses of such multiple locations. For the purposes of this chapter, a post office box, or similar address at a mail or package delivery service, shall not be considered a physical address; and

(B) If the principal office of the §501(c)(3) organization is outside Tennessee, the physical address of such principal office;

(3)

(A) The mailing address, in Tennessee, of the §501(c)(3) organization; for the purposes of this chapter, such mailing address shall serve as the primary mailing address of the applicant; provided that if the organization has multiple chapters or affiliates in Tennessee operating under the same tax exemption, the mailing addresses of such multiple locations; and

(B) If the principal office of the §501(c)(3) organization is outside Tennessee, the mailing address of such principal office.

(C) The §501(c)(3) organization shall designate a named person who is a citizen of Tennessee to receive process at the primary mailing address of the applicant. The name of such person shall be listed in the annual event application;

(4)

(A) The telephone number, in Tennessee, of the §501(c)(3) organization or its chair, president or chief administrative officer; and

(B) If the principal office of the §501(c)(3) organization is outside Tennessee, the telephone number of such principal office;

(5) The place where, and the date when, the organization was legally established and documentation from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing the §501(c)(3) organization's tax exempt status. Such documentation shall be supported by an affidavit from the §501(c)(3) organization's chair, president or chief administrative officer affirming that the organization's §501(c)(3) status has not been revoked;

(6) A copy of organizational documents that prove to the satisfaction of the secretary that the §501(c)(3) organization has been in continuous existence as a §501(c)(3) organization located in Tennessee for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the filing of the annual event application. Such documentation shall be supported by an affidavit from the §501(c)(3) organization's chair, president or chief administrative officer affirming that the organization has been in continuous existence in Tennessee for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the filing of the annual event application;

(7) A copy of the §501(c)(3) organization's Internal Revenue Service Form 1023, including all attached schedules, if any. If a

§501(c)(3) organization has requested a duplicate copy of such Form 1023 from the Internal Revenue Service, an affidavit from the §501(c)(3) organization's chair, president or chief administrative officer affirming that such organization has, in the past, filed a Form 1023 with the Internal Revenue Service and, subsequently, requested a duplicate copy of such Form 1023 from the Internal Revenue Service. Upon receipt of such Form 1023, the §501(c)(3) organization shall file a copy with the secretary; provided that nothing in this subsection (a)(7) shall be construed to exclude a §501(c)(3) organization from inclusion on the omnibus list so long as an affidavit in accordance with this subsection (a)(7) is filed with the annual event application;

(8) A copy of the §501(c)(3) organization's last five (5) annual reports filed with the Internal Revenue Service (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and all attached schedules, if any;

(9) A waiver of privacy rights, on a form provided by the secretary, which will allow posting of documents on the secretary's website and inspection by any member of the public of tax forms and documents filed pursuant to this chapter;

(10) The names and addresses of the officers, directors, trustees, and the principal salaried executive staff officer of the §501(c)(3) organization;

(11) A statement that no officer, director, trustee, or the principal salaried executive staff officer of the §501(c)(3) organization has been convicted of a violation of §39-16-702, §39-16-703, title 39, chapter 17, parts 5 or 6 or a similar offense in another jurisdiction;

(12) A copy of the minutes from the meeting of the §501(c)(3) organization indicating the intent to operate an annual event if authorized by the general assembly. Such minutes shall reflect an affirmative vote by a majority of the directors or officers of the organization to operate

such annual event. In lieu of a copy of the minutes, an affidavit signed by all directors or officers of the organization indicating the intent to operate an annual event if authorized by the general assembly;

(13) The name of the annual event;

(14) The type of lottery game to be conducted and a description of the game;

(15) The event date; provided that the event date shall be selected within a twelve-month period beginning July 1 following the application deadline and ending the next June 30;

(16) The location of the annual event including, at a minimum, the county in which the annual event would be operated. Such location shall be in a county where the §501(c)(3) organization has a physical presence in Tennessee;

(17) If applicable, the event date of the last annual event held, or to be held, by the organization;

(18) If applicable, in accordance with §3-17-102(a)(4)(B), a joint statement of authorization indicating the intention to conduct a joint annual event and listing all organizations participating in such joint event. For the purposes of this subdivision, the applicant shall list each organization which will participate in the joint event and shall include each such organization's physical address and mailing address in Tennessee;

(19) The general purpose, or purposes, for which the funds derived from the annual event are to be used;

(20) The names of the individuals or officers of the organization who will have final responsibility for the custody of the funds derived from the annual event;

(21) The names of the individuals or officers of the organization responsible for the final distribution of the funds derived from the annual event;

(22) If applicable, prior to the annual event application deadline, the name and address of any person employed, hired or contracted to operate an annual event for the benefit of the §501(c)(3) organization; provided that if any such person subcontracts any portion of the operation of an annual event, the name and address of all such subcontractors; and

(23) The appropriate application fee.

(b) The secretary shall develop a uniform application form for annual event applications. The secretary is encouraged to utilize, to every extent possible, web-based forms and procedures for annual event applications.

(c)

(1) An application fee shall be paid at the time of submission of an annual event application. Annual event applications shall not be accepted by the secretary unless accompanied by the appropriate application fee.

(2) The secretary shall establish a reasonable fee for annual event applications not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). Fees collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be used by the secretary to defray the cost of administering this chapter.

(3) Annual event application fees are non-refundable.

(d) All annual event applications shall be signed by the §501(c)(3) organization's chair, president or chief administrative officer and the preparer of the application. Such persons shall certify that the information contained in the annual event application is true and accurate.

Section 3-17-104.

(a)

(1) The secretary shall examine each annual event application submitted under this chapter for conformity with the requirements of this chapter, all relevant rules and regulations and Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

(2) The secretary shall establish rules and regulations concerning the acceptance of amendments to annual event applications otherwise consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The secretary shall include all qualified annual event applicants on an omnibus list to be transmitted to the general assembly pursuant to the provisions of §3-17-102(b).

(c) An annual event shall be included on the omnibus list if:

(1) All annual event application filing requirements of § 3-17-103 are met;

(2) The secretary determines that the §501(c)(3) organization has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt §501(c)(3) organization and that such exemption is valid at the time of filing an annual event application;

(3) The secretary determines that the §501(c)(3) organization has been in continuous existence as a §501(c)(3) organization located in Tennessee for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the filing of the annual event application; and

(4) The type of lottery game is authorized by the provisions of this chapter and Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

(d)

(1) No extension of time shall be granted for submission, or completion, of an annual event application after the application deadline has passed for the appropriate annual event period.

(2) In accordance with the provisions of §3-17-102(a)(1), the secretary shall have no authority to accept, and shall not accept, an annual event application, or an amendment thereto, submitted after the application deadline has passed for the appropriate annual event period.

(e) An annual event application may be permanently withdrawn prior to the date of transmission of the omnibus list to the general assembly; provided

that once withdrawn, the §501(c)(3) organization may not resubmit an annual event application for the annual event period in which the previously submitted application was withdrawn.

(f) If an annual event application is not subject to inclusion in the omnibus list, the secretary shall transmit notification to the applicant stating the basis for such non-inclusion. The secretary shall transmit such notice to the applicant at the primary mailing address listed in such applicant's annual event application.

(g) An applicant whose application is not included in the omnibus list may request in writing that the secretary reconsider the determination; provided that such written request is filed with the secretary within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notification of non-inclusion. The secretary shall reconsider such determination and issue a final decision within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of such written request for reconsideration.

(h) Review of final decisions of the secretary shall be heard by the Tennessee claims commission in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commission; provided that all appeals made pursuant to this chapter shall be heard in Davidson County.

Section 3-17-105.

(a) Pursuant to §3-17-102(e), an organization authorized by the general assembly to operate an annual event shall, within ninety (90) days following the event date listed on the annual event application, file a financial accounting with the secretary in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) For events grossing thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or less, the organization shall file a financial accounting, on a form prescribed by the secretary, showing the following:

- (1) The gross amount of money received from the annual event;
- (2) The amount of money expended by the organization;
- (3) The amount of money disbursed, or to be disbursed, to the charitable programs or purposes of the §501(c)(3) organization;

(4) A list of all prize winners, including their names and addresses, of cash, goods or services valued at one hundred dollars (\$100) or more and the prize received; and

(5) If applicable, a copy of any contract entered into between the §501(c)(3) organization and any person hired to operate an annual event for the benefit of the §501(c)(3) organization; provided that if any such person subcontracts any portion of the operation of an annual event, the name and address of all such subcontractors.

(c) For events grossing more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), the organization shall file a financial accounting prepared by an independent certified public account or an independent public accountant, on a form prescribed by the secretary, showing the following:

(1) The gross amount of money received from the proceeds of the annual event;

(2) The amount of proceeds disbursed, or to be disbursed, to the §501(c)(3) organization from the proceeds of the annual event;

(3) The amount of money disbursed, or to be disbursed, to the charitable programs or purposes of the §501(c)(3) organization;

(4) An itemized list of the amounts spent for overhead, expenses, commissions, and similar purposes; provided that individual expenses of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or less may be listed as miscellaneous expenses, by category, so long as the aggregate sum of all miscellaneous expenses is less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500);

(5) A list of all prize winners, including their names and addresses, of cash, goods or services valued at one hundred dollars (\$100) or more and the prize received; and

(6) If applicable, the name and address of any person employed, hired or contracted to operate an annual event for the benefit of the §501(c)(3) organization.

(d) In the case of an annual event held jointly by two (2) or more §501(c)(3) organizations as provided in §3-17-102(a)(4), the financial accounting filed pursuant to this section shall be based on the gross amount of money jointly received and shall, in addition to the applicable requirements of subsection (b) or (c), show the amount disbursed, or to be disbursed, to each participating §501(c)(3) organization. Such organizations may file the same financial accounting provided that the signature requirements of subsection (e) are satisfied.

(e) All financial accountings required by this section shall be signed by the chair, president or chief administrative officer of the §501(c)(3) organization and the preparer of the report. Such persons shall certify that the information contained therein is a true and accurate accounting of the funds received and expended during operation of the annual event.

Section 3-17-106. Applications, reports, and all other documents and information required to be filed under this chapter, or by the secretary, shall be public records in the office of the secretary. The secretary, in the secretary's discretion, may compile, summarize, publish, or otherwise release to the public any information contained in applications and any other documents filed with or received by the secretary under this chapter.

Section 3-17-107.

(a) Every §501(c)(3) organization subject to the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations prescribed by the secretary, shall keep:

(1) True and accurate fiscal records, including, but not limited to, all income and expenses; and

(2) True records regarding the conduct of any annual event, including records of any documents, information, notices, or applications required to be prepared or filed pursuant to this chapter. Unless otherwise provided, such records shall be retained for a period of at least five (5) years after the event date to which they relate.

(b) Upon request and at a reasonable time and place within Tennessee, such records, as well as any other records regarding annual events within this state, shall be made available to the secretary, the charitable gaming oversight committee on the Tennessee education lottery corporation, the attorney general and reporter, or an appropriate district attorney general for inspection.

Section 3-17-108.

(a) No ticket, share, chance or similar record shall be purchased by and no prize or award shall be paid to:

(1) Any member of the board of directors of a §501(c)(3) organization authorized by the general assembly to operate an annual event for such organization;

(2) Any officer or employee of a §501(c)(3) organization authorized by the general assembly to operate an annual event for such organization; or

(3) To any member of the immediate family of any person described in subsections (a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B) residing as a member of the same household in the principal place of residence of any such person.

(b) No ticket, share, chance or similar record shall be purchased by, and no prize or award shall be paid to, any member of the general assembly during such member's term of office as a member of the general assembly.

(c) No ticket, share, chance or similar record shall be purchased by, and no prize or award shall be paid to, any officer, employee, agent, subcontractor, or a member of any such person's immediate family residing in the same household in the principal place of residence of such person, who has been:

(1) Employed, hired or contracted by a §501(c)(3) organization to provide services, including, but not limited to, advertising, promotion, printing and consultation, for an authorized annual event for such organization; or

(2) Employed, hired or contracted to operate an authorized annual event for the benefit of a §501(c)(3) organization.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "immediate family" means a spouse, child, step-child, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent or grandparent.

Section 3-17-109. All cash prizes or awards exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be paid by check from a designated account of the organization to a named individual. In the case of non-cash prizes or awards, payment shall be in the form of goods or services and, if applicable, by an appropriate legal instrument, including, but not limited to deeds, titles and gift certificates. Checks or other legal instruments payable to "cash" or "bearer" are expressly prohibited.

Section 3-17-110.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), any person who violates any provision of this chapter, or is convicted of a violation of §39-16-702, §39-16-703 or title 39, chapter 17, parts 5 and 6 shall be permanently disqualified from submitting an annual event application.

(b) Any person who fails to timely file a financial accounting pursuant to § 3-17-105, or who is convicted of failing to timely file a financial accounting pursuant to §39-17-655(a)(2), shall be disqualified from submitting an annual event application for a period of five (5) years.

Section 3-17-111. The general assembly, by enacting this act, intends to preempt any other regulation of the area covered by the provisions of this act. No political subdivision or agency may enact or enforce a law, ordinance, resolution or regulation that regulates or prohibits any conduct in the area covered by this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-502, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section, which must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence, that a person reasonably and in good faith relied upon the representations of a gambling promoter that a gambling activity was

lawful because it was an authorized annual event pursuant to title 3, chapter 17, part 1.

It is not an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that a person engaged in a gambling activity that was not an authorized type of lottery game pursuant to title 3, chapter 17, part 1.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-505(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(4) It is not an offense for a person to knowingly own, manufacture, possess, buy, sell, rent, lease, store, repair, transport, print or make any gambling device or record if such device or record is for the purpose of conducting an annual event pursuant to the provisions of title 3, chapter 17, part 1 and title 39, chapter 17, part 6.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-506(a)(1), is amended by inserting the language "or the sale of tickets, shares, chances or similar records for an annual event pursuant to the provisions of title 3, chapter 17, part 1 and title 39, chapter 17, part 6" between the language "the Tennessee education lottery corporation" and the language "; or".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-506(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(3) An annual event operated pursuant to title 3, chapter 17, part 1 and title 39, chapter 17, part 6.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-601, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated item:

(_) "Annual event" means an event:

(A) Authorized by two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house of the general assembly;

(B) Operated for the benefit of a §501(c)(3) organization located in Tennessee;

(C) Conducted with a type of lottery game, as defined in §3-17-101(8);

(D) Conducted on an event date, as defined in §3-17-101(4); and

(E) Conducted at one (1) location;

SECTION 8. The Tennessee Code Commission is requested to reserve §§ 39-17-611 - 39-17-650.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as new sections:

Section 39-17-651.

(a) It is an offense for any person to knowingly engage in an activity associated with an annual event for a period longer than the period authorized pursuant to the provisions of 3-17-102(d).

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided that the maximum fine shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day in excess of the authorized period.

Section 39-17-652.

(a) It is an offense for any person to knowingly conduct more than one (1) annual event for the benefit of the same §501(c)(3) organization within the twelve-month period beginning July 1 following the application deadline and ending the next June 30.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per event in excess of the authorized annual event.

Section 39-17-653.

(a) It is an offense for any person to knowingly conduct an annual event at a location other than the location listed in a §501(c)(3) organization's annual event application pursuant to §3-17-103(a)(16).

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Section 39-17-654.

(a) It is an offense for any person to knowingly engage in gambling promotion under the pretense of conducting an annual event.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be the greater of:

- (1) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); or
- (2) The amount of gross proceeds derived from the gambling activity.

Section 39-17-655.

(a) It is an offense for any person to knowingly:

- (1) Fail to file a financial accounting for an annual event as required pursuant to 3-17-105;
- (2) Fail to timely file a financial accounting for an annual event as required pursuant to 3-17-105;
- (3) Make a material false statement in any application to the secretary of state in an application for an annual event; or
- (4) Make a material false entry or statement in a financial accounting which is compiled for an annual event or which is submitted to the secretary of state for an annual event.

(b)

(1) A violation of subsection (a)(1) is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be the greater of:

- (A) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); or
- (B) The amount of gross proceeds derived from the annual event.

(2) A violation of subsections (a)(2) or (a)(3) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be the lesser of:

- (A) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000); or
- (B) The amount of gross proceeds derived from the annual event.

(3) A violation of subsection (a)(4) is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be the greater of:

(A) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); or

(B) The dollar amount of the false entry or statement.

Section 39-17-656.

(a) It is an offense for any person to falsely make, alter, forge, pass or counterfeit a ticket, share, chance or similar record for an annual event with the intent to defraud.

(b) It is an offense for any person to knowingly influence, or attempt to influence, the winning of a prize through the use of coercion, fraud, deception, or tampering with an annual event's equipment or materials.

(c)

(1) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

(2) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by fine only; provided, however, that the maximum fine shall be fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Section 39-17-657. All tickets, shares, chances or similar records and other devices imported, transported, or distributed for an annual event operated pursuant to title 3, chapter 17, part 1 are exempt from the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1172.

Section 39-17-658. The general assembly, by enacting §§ 39-17-651- 39-17-658, intends to preempt any other regulation of the area covered by §§ 39-17-651 - 39-17-658 and title 3, chapter 17, part 1. No political subdivision or agency may enact or enforce a law, ordinance, resolution, or regulation that regulates or prohibits any conduct in the area covered by §§ 39-17-651 - 39-17-658 and title 3, chapter 17, part 1.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

Section 3-15-1001.

(a) There is hereby created a select oversight committee of the general assembly to be known as the charitable gaming oversight committee.

(b) The oversight committee shall be composed of six (6) members. Three (3) senators, one (1) from each grand division, shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate. Three (3) representatives, one (1) from each grand division, shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. During the organizational session of each general assembly, the respective speakers shall appoint, or reappoint, members to serve on the oversight committee. The committee shall elect from its membership a chair, a vice chair and such other officers as it considers necessary. Any vacancies occurring on the oversight committee, between organizational sessions, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments by the respective speakers.

(c) The oversight committee, at the call of the chair, shall periodically review and evaluate the operation of the Tennessee charitable gaming implementation law.

SECTION 11.

(a) The secretary of state is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as the secretary of state may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 4-5-208 and 4-5-209 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the secretary of state is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules and emergency rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 12.

(a) The Tennessee claims commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as the commission may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 4-5-208 and 4-5-209 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Tennessee claims commission is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules and emergency rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 13. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it